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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF APRIL 4 NOTE VERBALE PRESENTED
TO DCM BY FONMINISTER ROLANDIS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FURTHER
TO WHAT HAS BEEN STATED DURING THE MEETING BETWEEN THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE
AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. ON 1ST APRIL 1978, HAS
THE HONOUR TO REFER AGAIN TO THE DECISION OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PROPOSE THE
LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY IN SPITE OF
THE LACK OF ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THE
QUESTION OF CYPRUS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE EMBARGO
WAS IMPOSED AGAINST TURKEY BECAUSE OF THE INVASION OF
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CYPRUS BY THE TURKISH MILITARY FORCES USING AMERICAN-
SUPPLIED WEAPONS, AND TAKING ALSO INTO CONSIDERATION
THAT PROGRESS TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM
WAS SET AS A SINE QUA NON CONDITION FOR AMENDING THE
PROVISIONS OF THE EMBARGO, THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS
CANNOT BUT EXPRESS ITS DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AND DIS-
PLEASURE OVER THE LATEST DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATION

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CONCERNING THE EMBARGO.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC BELIEVES THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL HAVE DISASTROUS EFFECTS AND WILL MAKE TURKEY MUCH MORE INTRANSIGENT. THUS IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE TURKISH SIDE UNDERTOOK TO SUBMIT AND WHICH ARE ALREADY OVERDUE WILL EITHER BE NEGATIVE AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE OR THEY WILL BE OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO CREATE FALSE IMPRESSIONS OF PROGRESS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO BY THE CONGRESS. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES THE FEAR THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS, IF FINALLY CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL BE LED TO A NEW FAILURE AND WILL SUFFER THEIR FINAL BLOW. MOREOVER, THE PROLONGATION OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS WILL ENTAIL GRAVE CONSEQUENCES AND SERIOUS DANGERS NOT ONLY FOR CYPRUS ITSELF BUT FOR THE ENTIRE REGION AS WELL. NATURALLY ALL POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN THE REGION WILL BE PREVENTED.

IT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT TURKEY DID ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO IMPROVE THE TRAGIC SITUATION IT CREATED IN CYPRUS BY ITS BRUTAL INVASION IN 1974. TURKEY NOT ONLY REFUSED TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS BUT ON THE CONTRARY IT HAS CAUSED A DETERIO-
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RATION OF THE SITUATION. IN RELATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLTUIONS IT IS RECALLED THAT IT IS THE DECLARED POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO ATTACH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. REFERENCE SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE MADE TO RESOLUTION 3212 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND 365 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS.

FURTHERMORE, TURKEY HAS REPEATEDLY PROVED ITS INCONSISTENCY BY FAILING TO KEEP ITS PROMISES TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S EMISSARY TO CYPRUS MR. CLIFFORD AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL DR. K. WALDHEIM. CONSEQUENTLY NO CREDIT CAN BE ATTACHED TO ANY NEW PROMISES OF TURKEY.

BY LIFTING THE EMBARGO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL FULLY BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF FAILURE TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE EMBARGO WHICH HAS VERY STRONG MORAL GROUNDS WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST PRESSURES ON TURKEY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. TURKEY UNDOUBTEDLY WILL

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NOT RESPOND POSITIVELY NOW THAT IT IS RELIEVED OF THIS
PRESSURE.

IT IS OBSERVED THAT THE TIMING OF THE ABOVE DECISION IS
INOPPORTUNE AS IT IS ONLY NOW THAT THE EMBARGO WOULD
YIELD RESULTS. THE PROMISE OF THE TURKISH PRIME
MINISTER TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT
THAT THE EMBARGO WAS IN FORCE. THE MOMENTUM THUS
CREATED, CONSIDERED BY ALL AS IMPORTANT FOR THE SOLUTION
OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, LOST ITS EFFECT AS SOON AS THE
TURKISH GOVERNMENT SAW THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
CHANGE ITS POSITION. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE CYPRUS
GOVERNMENT, THAT IT IS THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO
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THAT WILL PROVE TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND NOT THE
EMBARGO ITSELF.

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APART FROM THE DECISION IN FAVOUR OF THE LIFTING OF
THE EMBARGO, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
PROCEEDS WITH THE APPROVAL OF A LOAN TO TURKEY. THIS
WILL AGAIN BE INTERPRETED BY TURKEY AS A VINDICATION
OF ITS POSITION AND AS AN APPROVAL OF ALL THE ILLEGAL

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ACTS SHE COMMITTED AND IS STILL COMMITTING IN CYPRUS.

IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO HAVE CAVED IN TO THREATS AND/OR PRESSURES OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND HAS COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED THE INTERESTS OF CYPRUS WHICH ARE FOUNDED ON THE INTER-NATIONAL LAW AND WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS.

THE SAID DECISION WILL CAUSE VERY STRONG FEELINGS OF BITTERNESS AND VERY STRONG PROTESTS IN BOTH CYPRUS AND GREECE. THERE WILL BE A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND IN THE CRITERIA USED BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WHEN IT REACHES ITS DECISIONS. IT WILL INCREASE THE FEELING OF INSECURITY AMONG THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS IN VIEW OF THE NEW DANGERS WHICH ARE THUS CREATED FOR CYPRUS BECAUSE OF THE RESULTING
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ENCOURAGEMENT OF TURKEY IN HIER EXPANSIONIST POLICY.

THIS NEW DECISION IS COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO THE PRE-ELECTION STATEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND ALSO TO THE PROMISE GIVEN BY HIM ORALLY TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU IN NEW YORK IN OCTOBER 1977.

IT ALSO APPEARS TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOUNDATION OF THE POLICY OF THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION BASED ON THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DEMANDED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT THROUGHOUT AFRICA THE MAJORITY RULE SHOULD PREVAIL. CYPRUS IS STRIVING FOR THE CESSATION OF THE OCCUPATION AND FOR DEMOCRACY AND IT WOULD HAVE EXPECTED ALL SUPPORT BY THE ENTIRE AMERICAN NATION.

THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE RECONSIDERED AND REVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE IN CYPRUS AS WELL AS IN THE WHOLE AREA AND THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CYPRUS.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT.
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